

## Hingtgen, Robert J

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**Sent:** Wednesday, February 05, 2014 9:11 AM  
**To:** Hingtgen, Robert J  
**Cc:** Jacob, Dianne  
**Subject:** Soitec Solar PEIR

Dear Mr. Hingtgen:

**I strongly oppose all four of the solar projects as described in the Soitec Solar PEIR.**

I oppose these projects because of their significant impacts to the natural environment, sensitive biological and cultural resources, and on adjacent residents' quality of life, property values, and wells. These industrial solar farms will negatively transform the community character of Boulevard and will as a minimum, displace established wildlife corridors. I am also concerned about the placement of large scale solar farms in a wildfire-prone area that has limited firefighting capabilities and staffing.

Specifically I am appalled that the County would consider the Lanwest and Laneast projects which would place more than 1100 CPV trackers adjacent along Historic Highway 80, a designated scenic highway. This would place them in a wetlands area near where a large grove of coast live oak trees is currently thriving.

Regarding the Rugged project site, the proposed placement of 3500 or so of these huge trackers in the Tule Creek area will do irreparable damage to the water table and the stunning natural landscape in this sensitive resource area. How will the excessive heat generated by the solar panels be mitigated and how will the scrapping of 765 acres impact the natural vegetation and wildlife around the project site?

With the Tierra Del Sol location, I am concerned about the negative impact of glare from out-of-alignment trackers on residents and railway operations also the potential drawdown that the solar facility wells will have on the local aquifer. (In Pine Valley for instance, our 2013 annual rainfall totals were measured as less than 2/3 of our normal rainfall totals.) Recently Governor Jerry Brown declared the California was facing a severe drought. How can the County possibly justify the consideration of these expensive and water-thirsty projects?

As a property owner in both Pine Valley and Jacumba, I am convinced that these huge solar projects will lower property values, impact the precious aquifers and potentially add additional fire danger to adjacent residences and communities.

**They do not fit our rural landscapes!**

**For those stated reasons, I support the NO PROJECT alternative listed in the Soitec Solar PEIR.**

Sincerely,

Cherry Diefenbach